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Subject: "NEWS NOTES FROM THE F&DA." Facts from the Federal Food and Drug Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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A medicine with the pleasing name of "Moone's Emerald Oil is the first one mentioned in today's report from Washington of fines imposed for violation of the Federal Food and Drugs Act.

"Moone's Emerald Oil" was offered as a treatment for varicose veins, varicose ulcers, toe itch, acne, pimples, and as effective in promoting the formation of new healthy skin, in the treatment of chronic and incurable diseases, and in the treatment of lameness and stiff joints, muscle joint and nerve conditions.

More than two years ago, in June 1935, shipments of this product were seized, on request of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. The president of the firm which shipped the oil had pleaded not guilty to the Government's charge that the oil, a green colored mixture of mineral oil with camphor, wintergreen and carbolic acid, was neither germicidal nor a treatment for the disease conditions named in its labeling.

The Government's allegation that the product was worthless in those conditions named in its labeling was upheld by the jury finding of guilt, and the court imposed fines totaling two thousand dollars, of which one thousand dollars was suspended, and the balance paid.

Now, quoting today's report directly: "Terminations of criminal actions under the Federal Food and Drugs Act reported during June included seventeen against medicine manufacturers, who shipped misbranded and adulterated preparations in interstate commerce. In the list, besides the 'Emerald Oil," were tablets labeled with false claims of vitamin content and benefit in the treatment of vitamin-deficiency diseases; and some worthless tablets offered for diseases of poultry -- these tablets consisting of 89 percent table salt, with a green dye.

"Food cases involving fines included preserves and jams low in fruit content and containing added acid, sugar, pectin and water; partially-decomposed canned prunes, ditto canned salmon; some process limburger cheese not so clean as it should have been; and butter containing less than the legal minimum -- 85 percent -- of butterfat.

"Routine seizures of foods during June included canned frozen eggs, canned tuna fish, canned salmon, white fish, crabmeat, four hundred and fifty eight sacks of decomposed and moldy bran, fifty pounds of rancid butter, one hundred twenty-three cases of moldy canned blackberries, 146,900 pounds

of moldy, soured figs, two hundred eighty seven cases of decomposed canned pineapple, four hundred ninety two jars of apple butter containing what it should not have contained, thirty cases of canned tomato and celery juice in which chemical decomposition had taken place, 124 cases of tomato catsup and sauce, over a thousand cases of moldy tomato puree, and more than two thousand pounds of unwholesome raisins.

"Nor is that all. If you're interested in what types of foods violate the Food and Drug Act, and get their shippers into trouble with the Courts -- here are some more of the foods seized during June:

"One hundred eighty-one cases of raisins containing hydrocyanic acid as the result of fumigation; more than two thousand gallons of maple syrup containing lead; three hundred sixty bottles of boiled cider containing arsenic and carrying no declaration of net volume; six hundred twenty-four jars of pickles, short weight, and containing undeclared sodium benzoate; and five barrels of so-called 'vinegar cured' herring prepared with saccharin and acetic acid; over a thousand cases of canned peas, several hundred cases of canned cherries and canned peaches, all substandard, but not labeled with the required statement indicating their departure from the established standards.

"Now, drug products seized during June for violating the Food and Drugs Act, included around 200 packages of unsterile gauze bandages, over a hundred cans of impure anesthetic ether, and a large number of patent medicines.

"The patent medicines included an ear oil (a fish oil with wintergreen), for defectivehearing, buzzy, noisy, painful and aching ears; and various other lotions, ointments, and salves -- too numerous to mention, in today's report."

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